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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: April 9, 2014

Sponsored by Council Members: Motsavage, Webb, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat

Introduced by Committee: Municipal and Public Affairs

entitled

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RECONSIDER THE CLOSURE REDUCTION OF SERVICES OF THE BROOME DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for People with Development Disabilities has proposed the closure and reduction of services of the Broome Developmental Center (BDC); and

WHEREAS, the BDC currently maintains 692 full-time employees, serving a total of 166 individuals in need of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the BDC would result in the relocation of employees to other facilities outside of the Greater Binghamton area and the release of many people served by the BDC into the local community; and

WHEREAS, some of these individuals that will be released into the community do not show up on the sex offender registry or have criminal convictions because they were juveniles when arrested or deemed incompetent to stand trial; and

WHEREAS, of the 166 served by the BDC, there are 13 known sex offenders currently residing at the BDC, all of which are categorized as either Level 2 or Level 3 sex offenders, indicating a moderate to high risk of reoffending; and

WHEREAS, there is also a lack of support services in the community for other individuals with special needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE that the City of Binghamton does hereby urge the New York State Office for People with Disabilities to reconsider the closure and reduction of services of the Broome Developmental Center; and be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution embossed with the Seal of the City of Binghamton shall be distributed to the New York State Office for People with Disabilities, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator Thomas Libous and New York State Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo. I hereby certify the above to be a true copy

of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Binghamton at a meeting Approved by the

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The within Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Binghamton.

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